

About Us

Linn County CAN (Child Abuse Network) is a community coalition of nonprofit agencies, educators, law enforcement and community volunteers. United Way serving Linn, Benton Lincoln Counties serves as the backbone organization to convene this network.

Our mission is simple:

Together, we CAN prevent child abuse and neglect before it starts.

How are we doing this?

Linn CAN is working with community members, parents, and professionals to:

1. Build awareness of this epidemic. *In 2018, there were 383 founded cases of abuse and neglect in Linn County.¹*
2. Advocate for children and families.
3. Bring proven prevention methods to Linn County, Oregon.

Source: 1. DHS 2018 Child Welfare Data Book.

Contact CAN for training from one of our partners:

- Abuse Recognition, Prevention, and Mandatory Reporting
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Trauma Informed Care
- Social Media and Internet Safety

Thank you to our partners!



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● ● ● | Know Your Role Campaign

The “Know Your Role” Campaign is a Linn County CAN initiative that helps community members identify actions they can take to decrease the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

Linn County CAN believes that each member of the community has a role to play in protecting children. Everyone can be a part of the solution in preventing child abuse in Linn County, Oregon.

What Parents/Caregivers CAN Do:

- **Teach your kids the proper names for their body parts.** This gives children the tools to tell you when something is wrong.
- **Learn about normal childhood development.**
 1. [CDC Milestones](#)– Helps you understand what skill and behaviors your child is developing.
 2. www.loveisrespect.com – Help your teen learn about healthy relationships.
- **Find your village.** Build a support system with friends, family members and neighbors you trust.

You can also find support by joining a parenting peer-support group or signing up for a parenting class.

● ● ● | What Neighbors CAN Do:

- **Become educated on the epidemic.** Contact CAN at (541)926-5432 to be connected to a local training.
- **Be a member of someone’s village.** *Support families you know by:*
 1. Inviting a family over for dinner
 2. Offering to babysit
 3. Sharing your child’s gently used clothes, toys, etc.
 4. Volunteering with an organization that serves youth

Speak up. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the hotline below or your local police and file a report.

It is not your job to collect all the evidence, but **it is** your responsibility to say something. When children are being abused or neglected, they are counting on an adult to step up and say something.

How To Report | ● ● ●

Oregon has one central line to report child abuse and neglect 24/7.

Call **1-855-503-SAFE (7233)** to make a report.

***If a child’s life is in danger call 911**

● ● ● | What Professionals CAN Do:

- **Create a youth safety policy.** Most child sexual abuse happens because predators have an opportunity to be alone, uninterrupted with a child. Contact CAN to learn how you can create a youth safety policy that protects children.
- **Ensure your personnel policy supports working parents.** Employers may contact CAN to find out how to make simple personnel policy changes that support working parents, such as, having an emergency day-care plan.
- **Be trauma informed.** Many people have experienced trauma. Taking a Trauma Informed Care training explains the effects of trauma on the brain, how one can unintentionally activate someone’s trauma and practices you can implement to avoid re-traumatization.

CAN is looking for Community Advocates!

As a CAN Advocate you would:

- Help identify the needs in your community
- Connect CAN and its work to members of the community
- Create interest in the community for CAN’s mission